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GABORONE FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, WZ

SUBJECT: SWAZILAND AMBASSADOR'S ALLEGED CONSULTATIONS
ON DETENTION CASES

1. EDITOR OF "TIMES OF SWAZILAND," COUNTRY'S PRIVATELY-OWNED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, TOLD ME MARCH 31 OF BROUHAHA STIRRING AS RESULT OF COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SWAZI AMBASSADOR KUNENE ON PRIVATELY-OWNED LOCAL TELEVISION. KUNENE, WHO HERE ON CONSULTATION, WAS QUOTED BY NEWSCASTER AS HAVING SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN RECALLED TO DISCUSS WITH KING THE BACKGROUND OF RECENT HIGHLY PUBLICIZED DETENTION CASES. WHEN TIMES EDITOR CALLED KUNENE FOR ELABORATION, LATTER ANGRILY DENIED HAVING MENTIONED TO TV REPORTER NGWENYA ANYTHING CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS WITH KING.

2. KUNENE HAS NOT CALLED AT EMBASSY. NOR HAS ANY GOS OFFICIAL REFERRED TO TV STORY IN ANY WAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFFS. WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN ITS MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

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